



5^{ème} Congrès de la Fédération des Verts Africains organisée par l'Alliance des Ecologistes Congolais – Les Verts à l'Hôtel Léon de Kinshasa, du 23 au 26 mai 2024.

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Welcome speech by Didace Pembe at the AGF 2024 Congress

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Distinguished guests, dear colleagues and friends,

It is with immense honor and deep gratitude that I stand before you today, to open this Congress of African Ecologists here in Kinshasa, DRC. We are gathered here for a cause of crucial importance, that of Anchoring Political Ecology in Africa : Issues, challenges and perspectives.

Africa, with its incomparable ecological diversity and its rich and varied ecosystems, plays a central role in the global environmental balance. Our savannahs, our tropical forests, our majestic deserts and our vast maritime coasts are home to fauna and flora of unparalleled richness. However, these treasures are today threatened by a multitude of challenges: climate change, deforestation, pollution, overexploitation of natural resources, to name just a few.

It is our duty as African environmentalists to stand up and take bold and effective action to protect our environment. We must strengthen our conservation efforts, promote sustainable practices and raise awareness of environmental issues in our communities. Our actions today will determine the legacy we leave for future generations.

This congress is a unique platform that allows us to share knowledge, exchange experiences and forge strong alliances for a sustainable future. It is by joining forces, collaborating and innovating that we will be able to meet the challenges we face.

Furthermore, I would like to emphasize the importance of our mission. We must never forget that every action counts, every initiative is valuable, and every voice deserves to be heard.

We have the power to make a meaningful difference, and this Congress is the starting point for that transformation.

Finally, allow me to remind you that this meeting will lead us to elect a new Executive Office of our Federation and I implore you, dear comrades, let us choose men and women of integrity and competence who will lead the destiny of our dear continent with dignity in order to that we deserve everyone's respect !

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Should I remind you, dear comrades, that this is the first time, after 4 Congresses, we are organizing this one, the 5th, with our own means, without requesting a single cent from any partner whatsoever ? Thank you to all of us and we can be proud of ourselves !

I wish you all a fruitful Congress, rich in constructive discussions and innovative solutions. Together, let's ensure that this Congress marks a decisive turning point in our fight for environmental protection and self-care in Africa.

Thank you and may our collective efforts bear lasting fruit for our planet.

Thank you.

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